THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Territorial Army is a voluntary force and the annual in take of the force depends on the vacancies in its sanctioned strength. In non-Departmental TA Units, the deficiency in recruitment against the vacancies has been negligible. However, the deficiency in the Departmental TA Units, which are raised in Government Department|Public Sector Undertakings, has been to the extent of 15 to 20 per cent.

Government have sanctioned a number of incentives to attract more volunteers to the Territorial Army. Some of these are (i) increase in the age of superannuation, (ii) increase in the maximum amount of terminal gratuity, (iii) free rations upto the rank of Brigadier, (iv) increase in Refreshment and Conveyance Allowances, (v) grant of monetary allowance on completion of annual training, (vi) Group Insurance, (xii) Provision for pension on completion of aggregate embodied service of 20 years in the case of officers and 15 years in the case of JCOs|ORs and (viii) provision of disability pension

The following categories of TA personnel are treated as ex-servicemen on retirement.

(i) Pension holders for continuous embodied service.

(ii) Disabled TA personnel with disability attributable to military service.

(iii) Gallantry Award winners

Amounts to rehabilitate families displaced by National test Range

3607. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2979 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th August, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the total amount released to the Orissa Government and the progress of resettlement and rehabilitation schemes for the families displaced by National Test Range; and

(b) what is the time-frame for completion of the work on these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL): (a) An amount of Rs. 13,925 crores has been released so far to Government of Orissa for work towards setting up resettlement and rehabilitation schemes. Government of Orissa has already started work on these schemes. Work on first model village for rehabilitation of displaced families, improvement of roads, construction of 50 bed hospital and industrial training institute is in progress. Work on the one of the rehabilitation schemes, namely Textile Complex, estimated to cost about Rs. 19 crores, has been started. This complex is being established near Baliapal town.

(b) The work on these schemes is expected to be completed in about two and half years.

Visit of Burmese foreign Minister to India

3608. SHRI R SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Minister of Burma recently paid a visit to this country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at present the terms of trade are heavily weighted against India;

(c) if so, whether any progress has been made to correct this trade imbalance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Efforts are being made to increase Indian Exports to Burma.